

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraphs [0006] and [0008] of the specification as follows:

[0006] The above-described object can be achieved by providing a novel vocal sound input apparatus for an automotive vehicle. The vocal sound input apparatus includes a receiving microphone and a noise collecting microphone. Both the receiving microphone and the noise collecting microphone are disposed at a predetermined portion of a vehicle body in such a manner that a sensitivity direction of the receiving microphone is opposite to a sensitivity direction of the noise collecting microphone. The sensitivity direction of the receiving microphone is oriented towards inside of a vehicular passenger compartment, and the sensitivity direction of the noise collecting microphone is oriented towards a space between a vehicle body outer plate and a wall of the vehicular passenger compartment. The noise collecting microphone is disposed in the space between the vehicle body outer plate and the wall of the vehicular passenger compartment. ~~vehicle, comprising: a receiving microphone; and a noise collecting microphone, both of the receiving microphone and the noise collecting microphone being arranged onto a predetermined portion of a vehicle body in such a manner that a direction of a sensitivity of the receiving microphone is opposite to that of the noise collecting microphone for the receiving microphone to enable to receive a vocal sound from a speaker and for the noise collecting microphone to enable to collectively receive a noise of a surrounding of the speaker.~~

[0008] The above-described object can also be achieved by providing a vocal sound input apparatus for an automotive vehicle, comprising a receiving microphone to input a vocal sound from a speaker, and a noise collecting microphone to collectively input a surrounding noise of the speaker. Both of the receiving microphone and the noise collecting microphone are attached onto an interior trim material defining a vehicular passenger compartment in such a manner that

a sensitivity direction of the receiving microphone is oriented towards inside of the vehicular passenger compartment and the noise collecting microphone is oriented towards a space between a vehicular body outer plate and the interior trim material. The noise collecting microphone is disposed in the space between the vehicle body outer plate and the interior trim material.

~~a receiving microphone to input a vocal sound from a speaker; and a noise collecting microphone to collectively input a noise of a surrounding of the speaker, both of the receiving microphone and the noise collecting microphone being attached onto an interior trim material defining a vehicular passenger compartment in such a manner that a direction of a sensitivity of the receiving microphone is oriented toward an inside of the vehicular passenger compartment and the noise collecting microphone is oriented toward a clearance between a vehicular body outer plate and the interior trim material.~~